

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Herein disclosed is an optical disc driving apparatus 100, 200 for driving an optical disc while reading out information contained in the optical disc, the optical disc having an outer peripheral surface, comprising: a housing 101 formed with an loading slot having the optical disc passed therethrough; first detecting means 102 for performing a detection of the outer peripheral surface of the optical disc to be moved into the housing 101; and second detecting means 103 for performing a detection of the outer peripheral surface of the optical disc to be moved into the housing 101 after the detection of the outer peripheral surface of the optical disc is performed by the first detecting means 102; and judging means 104 for judging whether one optical disc or partially overlapped optical discs are passed through the loading slot 101a of the housing 101 based on results detected by the first and second detecting means 102 and 103.